

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I began using this phone while waiting for a kidney transplant, it was a required method of fast contact for when my name would come up on the list. I also use Pre-Paid calling cards instead of long distance service on my home telephone because I make so few long distance calls it would be a hardship on me to pay a regular fee. I am a Social Security Disability recipient who, based upon local government standards, am expected to live on approximately \$600 per month so an increase of this nature would obviously be a major hardship. I don't want to have this greater hardship placed on me for my minimal use of these services, just so that large businesses or people who choose to make large numbers of calls are permitted to do so without having to pay their "fair share." I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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